U. S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
VOTING SYSTEM TESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
1225 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC. 20005

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Dear State Election Director,

I am writing this letter to keep you apprised of developments related to the EAC's Voting System Testing and Certification Program. As you know, the program, which began January 1st of this year, is the first time that the Federal government has been charged with providing for the testing and certification of voting systems to voluntary standards.

As of the date of this letter, nine (9) voting system manufacturers have registered with the EAC. In addition, four (4) voting systems have so far been submitted for testing under the EAC program. If you would like to check if the voting system(s) used in your State have been submitted for EAC testing and certification, a list of registered manufacturers, submitted voting systems, test plans and other program related information are available on the EAC's web site at http://www.eac.gov/eac_vsc2.htm

As we move forward to the 2008 elections please remember that the EAC Certification As a policy decision, the EAC did not "grandfather" voting systems qualified by NASED. The EAC program does **not** repeal NASED-issued qualifications. **All voting systems previously qualified under the NASED program retain their NASED qualification consistent with State law**; however, a NASED-qualified voting system is **not** an EAC-certified system and is treated like an uncertified system for purposes of the EAC Certification Program.

To obtain or maintain an EAC certification, Manufacturers must submit a voting system for testing and certification under the EAC program. Such action is usually required for (1) new systems not previously tested to any standard; (2) existing systems not previously certified by the EAC; (3) previously EAC certified systems that have been modified; (4) systems or technology specifically identified for retesting by the EAC; or (5) previously certified systems that the Manufacturer seeks to upgrade to a higher standard (e.g., a more recent version of the VVSG).

- Until December 13, 2007, the EAC will accept submissions for testing and certification to the 2002 Voluntary Voting System Standards (VSS) *and* to the 2005 Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG).
- After December 13, 2007, all new voting systems submitted will be fully tested and certified only to the 2005 VVSG.
- After December 13, 2007, voting systems **certified by the EAC** to the 2002 VSS needing modification or upgrades will have the modification or upgrade tested in accordance with

the 2005 VVSG. The full system, however, will retain a 2002 certification until such time as the manufacturer submits the full system for EAC testing and certification to the 2005 VVSG.

If you have any other ongoing concerns or questions concerning the EAC testing and Certification Program, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 202-566-3100, or via email at BHancock@eac.gov

Sincerely

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